



The front cover of this text—drawn by Mauricio Antón, an illustrator specializing in the reconstruction of earlier life forms—is a representation of how the Aramis area of Ethiopia may have looked slightly less than 6 million years ago.

During this period, one of our earliest ancestors—the genus *Ardipithecus*—lived in this forested setting, with characteristics adapted both to life in the trees and to walking on two feet on the ground. Today, this area is a hotbed of research in the discipline, as anthropologists search for evidence of our ancestors. However, this once-forested location is now largely arid (pictured above).

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